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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks responsive to the Office Action dated February 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Office has rejected all claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Anders. Applicant respectfully traverses.

The Present Invention

The present invention is a method and apparatus for loading web pages, including supplemental files such as pictures, sound files, video files, etc., at a browser. One of the problems of the prior art addressed by the present invention is that browsers typically read the HTML code in a Web page from left to right and from top to bottom. Accordingly, the browser encounters the embedded references to such supplemental files in the order in which they are encountered while reading the page. The browser will send requests back to the server for those supplemental files in the order that the browser encounters the references while reading the HTML code. Since a browser has a limited number of ports, the supplemental files may not be retrieved and loaded in the most efficient manner. For instance, if a browser has four ports and the requested page has 14 supplemental files, in which the first four referenced supplemental files are large files and the next 10 are small files, the browser may take a long time to download the first four large files, while the person sitting at the client browser watches a largely or completely blank screen. If the ten small files could be

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